TOMBIGBEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION (Org.1883
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MINUTES

OF THE

16th annual session

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HELD WITH

Mt. PLEASANT CHURCH,

Raburnville, Itawamba County,
Mississippi.

OCTOBER 14, 15, 16—17, 1899.

Next Meeting to be Held With the

EBENEZER CHURCH

Twenty-four miles South of Iuka, Commencing on Saturday before the Third Sunday in October Nineteen Hundred.

F. M. BLOUNT, Clerk and Treasurer.

Wm. M. CHAFFIN, Moderator.

Moderators Address - - - Eastman, Miss.
Clerks Address - - - Highland, Miss.

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APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

On Devotion: J. L. Trimm, S. B. Tucker with the Deacons of Mt. Pleasant church. State Missions: D. R. McClung, J. K. P. Scott and A. Hodges. Home Missions: J. E. Anthony, J. H. Powell and J. W. Davis. Orphan's Home: W. D. Bookout, R. Rodgers, and T. F. Hawkins. Associational Missions: J. H. Rouse, N. T. Clayton and U. G. Summerford. Publications: Jas. F. Neal, J. F. Benson and P. S. Weaver. Destitution: T. J. Doster, J. F. Looney and Geo. Conwill. Sabbath Schools: J. R. Bickerstaff, J. E. Anthony and J. A. Conwill. Ministerial Education: J. E. Anthony, W. D. Bookout and J. F. Benson. Temperance: W. W. Gilbert, R. B. K. McFadden and N. T. Clayton. Obituaries: J. C. Long, W. T. McNiece and P. S. Weaver. Nominations: J. C. Long, Rolin Wheeler and J. P. Burns Foreign Missions: J. F. Benson, J. T. Robinson and U. G. Summerford. Document: P. S. Weaver, Rolin Wheeler and J. P. Burns.

Adjourned to 8:30 o'clock Monday morning

Sunday.—Eld. W. W. Gilbert was too feeble to preach the missionary sermon, and J. S. Stockton preached in the Grove to a large congregation from Acts 10 chapter 43-48 verses. After the sermon Bro. Stockton called on the congregation for a collection for Associational Missions, and $12.20 was realized. D. R. McClung preached at night—Text 1st John 3 chapter and 8 verse. Considerable interest was manifested.

Met at 8:30 Monday morning prayer by W. D. Bookout. Call for detained letters—one was presented from Union Grove and read.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO CONVENTIONS.

To Southern Baptist Convention: D. R. McClung, alternate, Wm. M. Chaffin.

To Mississippi Baptist Convention: J. F. Benson, W. D. Bookout, W. W. Gilbert, Wm. M. Chaffin and J. G. Holley.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE.

Judson Association: W. D. Bookout, W. W. Gilbert, J. F. Benson, J. H. Powell and R. B. K. McFadden.

Big Bear Creek: J. C. Long, T. J. Johnson, D. R. McClung, W. W. Gilbert, R J. Hammett and W. T. McClung.

Tishomingo: J. C. Long, W. W. Gilbert, D. R. McClung, J. R. Bickerstoff and F. M. Blount.

CALL FOR REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The report of Home Missions read by D. R. McClung as follows: We your committee on Home Missions report as follows, Fresh fields have been opened for us. We should at once enter the open doors and give the Gospel to the perishing ones. The contributors should be more liberal in their contributions for the land should be possessed for the master. Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Powell, Chairman.

Spoken to by J. T. Robinson, J. S. Stockton, W. W. Gilbert, J. F. Benson. (Adopted.)

STATE MISSIONS.

We your committee on state missions submit the following report: First the spirit of missions of Christ, we are glad to know, that our state is, and has been doing a great work for the Master. We the Tombigbee Association have been the beneficiaries of their work, and thank God that our destitutions have been supplied to some extent. Brethren, for help in other quarters, let us co-operate with our state board. Send in our mites, and enable our state board to carry on this great work. Respt. submitted,

D. R. McClung, Chairman.

Adjourned for preaching. Met after refreshments—Prayer by N. T. Clayton. Business resumed by calling for report on

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We your committee on Associational Missions would report as follows: Next to the command to love the Lord, thy God with all thy mind, and all thy strength and thy neighbor as thy self, stands the command, Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. We believe our obligations to preach the gospel is limited by our opportunities, and surely our opportunities are great. The harvest is great, but the laborers are few. We therefore beseech every brother, every sister and every one, that you give of your means to preach the gospel so that the blessed time may soon come when the knowlege of the Lord shall cover this association as the waters cover the great deep. Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Rouse, Chairman.

Spoken on by Bros. N. T. Clayton, W. W. Gibert, W. D. Bookout and J. S. Stockton.—Pending the action of the body on this report the report of the missionary of the First District was read, and referred to the executive committee and the report on Associational Missions was adopted.—Call for report on

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee on Ministerial Education, beg leav to report as follows: Realizing as we do the necessity of a educated ministry, we recommend that this body do all tha they can to educate such as have the Divine Calling.

W. D. Bookout, Chairman

Discussed by Chairman J. F. Benson. J. S. Stockton, W W. Gilbert and D. R. McClung and adopted.

Adjourned to 8:30 Tuesday morning. Met accordin to adjournment.—Prayer by Eld. Joe Clingan.

PUBLICATIONS.

We your committee on Publications make the follow ing report: That it is impossible to estimate the value o printed truth as represented by the Bible. Therefore w recommend that the glorious truths of God's word be mor closely studied in order that we may be ready at all time to give a reason for the hope that dwelleth in us. Thos things being so, it is of the utmost importance that Baptist should press to the front in publishing and circulating a sound religious literature. We recommend literature published by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptis Convention, not only this, but we recomemnd the periodicals such as the "Baptist" published at Jackson, Miss., also the "Southern Baptist" published by W. A. Hurt, Memphis, Tenn. Submitted.

(Adopted.)

J. M. F. Neal.

DOCUMENTS.

We your committee on documents beg leaf to report as follows: We notice few churches have been greatly revived and increased in membership; but little interest is taken in Sunday schools. The present membership of our Association is about 977. The union meeting of the First District will meet with Providence church, Friday before the second Sunday in August 1900, Eld. W. D. Bookout to preach the Introductory sermon, N. T. Clayton, alternate. The union of the Second District to meet with Bethel church on Friday before the third Sunday in August 1900 D. R. McClung to preach the Introductory and J. M. Harrison, alternate. Respectfully submitted,

(Adopted.)

P. S. Weaver, Chairman.

NOMINATIONS.

Your committee on nominations beg leave to report the following: We place in nominations Ebenezer church for the next annual meeting of this body Eld. W. D. Bookout

to preach the Introductory sermon, N. T. Clayton, alternate. Eld. Jas. F. Benson to preach the Missionary sermon, Eld. D. R. McClung, alternate. Respt. submitted,

(Adopted.) J. C. Long, Chairman.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools report as follows: That we find as usual that some few report Sabbath Schools of short duration, while a majority of our churches leave blank the report. Brethren this ought not to be, we talk Sabbath Schools at every meeting of this body, but still our Sunday Schools are at a low ebb, We recommend that organizers be appointed by this body for the purpose of organizing Sabbath Schools and looking after that interest and that they report their work at the next meeting of this body. Respectfully submitted,

(Adopted.) J. R. Bickerstaff, Chairman.

And U. G. Summerford appointed as organizer for First District and D. H. Neal and J. R. Bickerstaff for the Second District.

ORPHAN'S HOME.

We your committee on Orphan's Home beg lief to report as follows: We recommend that this body hear their cries and open their hearts and means to their necessity. We find that some of our people's hearts have been open to their wants.

(Adopted.) W. D Bookout, Chairman.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We your committee on Foreign Missions beg lief to report as follows: Never before has there been manifested so ardent a desire for the salvation of the lost as now. Brethren God has commanded us to preach the gospel to every creature, and He says if we love Him to keep His commandments. Brethren let us put forth a greater effort to go forward and take the world for Christ. Respectfully,

(Adopted.) J. F. Benson.

At this juncture a letter was read by Wm. M. Chaffin from Eld. J G. Chastain, our missionary in Mexico, and Brother Chaffin to remember our body to Bro Chastain in his correspondence.

DESTITUTION.

We your committee on destitution beg leave to make the following report: We find a destitution in the fork of Bear and Cedar creek, also at Pleasant Ridge near Nabor's store also at Moore's school house near Dr. Tynes, which we think should be filled. T. J. Doster, Chairman.

The report was amended by dropping from report Cotton Springs, and Fork of Bear and Cedar creek, and adding to same Fulton, and Sanderson school house.—Adopted as amended.

TEMPERANCE.

We your committee on Temperance beg leave to report as follows: Intemperance is a matchless evil. Whiskey when used to excess dethrones reason, degrades morals, and God tells us in His word that no drunkard shall inherit the Kingdom of Heaven. This evil is being participated in by some of our church members; brethren let us obey the demands of our Savior—withdraw ourselves from those that walk disorderly. W. W. Gilbert, Chairman.

The report on temperance was spoken to by J. S. Stockton, J. F. Benson, D. R. McClung, L. M. Taylor, J. C. Long, N. T. Clayton and W. W. Gilbert and adopted.—On motion J. P. Burns and J. K. P. Scott were granted leave of absence.

OBITUARIES.

We your committee on obituaries beg leaf to make the following report: We find since our last association the Angel of Death has visited our midst and taken the following brothers and sisters, to-wit:

Mt. Zion: Sister E. Fikes.

Bethlehem: Bros. Louis Hill and J. W. Steward.

Union: Bro. J. W. Clingan, sisters Tinie Clingan and Adaline Britton.

Fairview: Sister Nancy Cole.

Mt. Pisgah: Sister Millie Wesson.

Evergreen: Sister M. E. Little.

Bethany: Brother Y. S. Brewster, age 38; sisters Martha Hale, age 62; S. A. E. Benson, age 55; and Bertha Underwood, age 28.

Highland: J. C. Neal, age 43.

Brethren let us not mourn as those that have no hope, but remember that our Heavenly Father has taken the most beautiful flowers to adorn his own Heavenly throne, and we say to those that have been bereaved of loved ones to remember that all things work together for good to those that love the Lord. Respectfully submitted.

(Adopted.) J. C. Long, Chairman.

FINANCE.

Your committee on finance reports as follows:

For Minutes	$18.30
For Associational Missions	4.90
For Orphan's Home	1.05
For Foreign Missions	2.00
For State Missions	1.75
Total Receipts	$28.00

Respectfully submitted, R. J. Hammett, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT 1898.

RECEIPTS.

Public collection Sunday	$15.50
Home Missions	4.15
State Missions	2.60
Orphan's Home	3.90
Minute Fund	20.30
Total	$46.45

DISBURSED.

Paid W. A. Turnage 1-2 public Col.	$ 7.75	
Paid A. V. Rowe " " "	7.75	
Paid A. V. Rowe Home Missions	4.15	
Paid W. A. Turnage State Missions	2.60	
Paid G. W. Dudley, printing minutes	10.00	
Paid Clerks fees and postage	10.30	
Total	$46.45	$46.45

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

Of the First District: We met on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in January 1899. Organized and selected Eld. W. D. Bookout to fill the destitution in the First District of this association. We also employed Eld. J. T. Robertson to fill a monthly appointment at Fairview church, and said brother to receive the pledges of Mt. Pleasant and Fairview churches.—Mt. Pleasant has paid $7.25. We collected and paid over to our missionary W. D. Bookout, the 5th Sunday in April $9.55; and at the 5th Sunday meeting in July we collected and paid over to him $9.45, making $19.00. The amount promised said missionary was $35.00. We have collected at this association $9.95 leaving $6.05 yet due. Respectfully submitted

W. M. Chaffin, Secretary.

Note: The treasurer of the association paid into the hands of above committee $11.00 with which above indebtedness

was paid off, except the pledge of Fairview church.—CLERK.

The report was adopted and the executive committee was retained for another year and instructed to correspond with Eld. W. E. Lancaster at Antioch, Miss., and invite him to come into this association and work in its bounds.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That we return our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends in the vicinity of Mt. Pleasant church for their kind hospitality to us during the session of this body. We feel that we have made many new friends and that the ties of brotherhood are drawn closer to our hearts than ever. Now we must part; but our parting is not forever; we will meet again; 'till then, "God be with you." Respectfully submitted, CLERK.

On motion adjourned to meet with Ebenezer church Belmont, Tishomingo county, Miss., on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in October 1900.

F. M. BLOUNT
Clerk and Treasurer.

WM. M. CHAFFIN,
Moderator.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. F. Benson.....Yale, Miss.
J. T. Robinson.....Raburnville, Miss.
A. F. Cole.....Coke, Miss.
N. T. Clayton.....Tilden, Miss.
W. D. Bookout.....Clay, Miss.
J. E. Anthony.....Clay, Miss.
J. W. Davis.....Rara Avis, Miss.
Joe Farris.....Emma, Miss.
W. W. Gilbert.....Belmont, Miss.
D. R. McClung.....Burnt Mills, Miss.
J. M. Harrison.....Mingo, Miss.
L. M. Taylor.....Mann, Miss.
W. D. Page.....Crippledeer, Miss.
A. N. Cook.....Eggville, Miss.
Joe Clingan.....Mingo, Miss.

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FIRST DISTRICT																	
Bethany	J F Benson	J T Holley	Yale, Miss.	1	8	3		4		2	82	1.40	3.90	.75		.75	
Mt. Moriah	W D Bookout	T J Doster	Turon, Miss.	3							18	.25					
Mt. Pleasant	J F Benson	W H Rouse	Raburnville, Miss.	3					1		89	.75	10.00				30.00
Liberty Grove	W D Bookout	UG summerford	Elkville, Miss.	4	2		2				33	1 00					25.00
Evergreen	A F Cole	W T Allen	Hodges, Miss.	3		1		1			45	.80					10.00
Pleasant Grove	N T Clayton	J K P Scott	Morgantown, Miss	2							17	.50				1.00	
Union Grove	J F Benson	J L Farrar	Tilden Miss.	4							47	1.10	7,50				15.50
Mt. Pisgah	J E Anthony	T M Lyle	Otis, Miss.	1	3			1			46	1.00					
Hopewell	J W Davis	G W Davis	Eastman, Miss.		2					1	37	.25					
New Home	J E Anthony	R V Wheeler	Clay, Miss.		7	2	2				50	1.15					17.25
Fairview	J T Robinson	C M Graham	Ingraham, Miss.	4				1			23	1.00					15.00
Providence	J F Benson	J M Weaver	Rara Avis, Mis.	2	1						52	1.65			1.00	.50	
Mt. Zion	W D Bookout	J H Powell	Fulton, Miss.	1				1			18	.30					7.00

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Ebenizer	J S Stockton	J R Cranford	Belmont, Miss.	2							55	1.00					15.50
Red Bud	.....	R J Hammett	Coke, Miss.	4				2		4	32	.50					
Bethlehem	J M Harrison	J W Elliot	Burnt Mills, Miss.	3			1				27	.40			2.75		15.15
Union	J M Harrison	WA Leatherwood	Mingo, Miss.	4	10	7	2	3		4	60	1.00				6.75	10.00
Prospect	J S Stockton	J D Mann	Mann, Miss.	3	2	1				6	25	1.50					41.75
Jackson Camp	D R McClung	W S Stephens	Burnt Mills, Miss.	1		2					62	1.00	2.65				25.00
Bethel	A F Cole	W R Whitehead	Coke, Miss.	1		2				1	50	1.00			6.00		
Highland	D R McClung	J R Bickerstaff	Highland, Miss	2				1			45	.70	10.00				31.00
Antioch	.....	S C Hodges	Hodges, Miss.														

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